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DEAR Ninety-Nines:

Perhaps there has never been a "peacetime" period during the existence of the Ninety-Nines when we were more aware of belonging to a World Community, and thereby the International aspects of our organization take on increasing significance.

Our contacts with the flying women in other countries are reaching greater proportions, and the interest of these women in the values of Ninety-Nine membership is most heartening.

A letter received this week from Mrs. Tokuko Yo of the recently established Japanese Women Pilots Association requests assistance in setting up their organization along similar lines to the Ninety-Nines. Mrs. Yo holds a first class glider pilot's license, and has had considerable experience in the various types of "motor-powered planes." She would appreciate photos of the latest types of gliders.

The Australian Women Pilots' Association comprising nearly 70 members is most anxious to become a Section of our organization, but only about half of their membership would be eligible as licensed pilots at present.

Marie Rushing of Dallas, Texas has become acquainted with a number of Mexican women pilots on her recent flights down there, and believes she knows enough desirable candidates to form a Section there.

Of course we are all inspired by the thrilling progress shown by our Canadian Section, which recently celebrated its first anniversary with more than thrice its original membership, and one new Chapter chartered and another in the making.

The one big obstacle to foreign members at present is the rate of currency exchange, and the fact that some countries will not allow their citizens to send money out of their country. The mutual benefits of international membership are well recognized by us all - and during the discussion of the problem at the 1951 Convention, it was agreed that a number of the Chapters and individual members would enjoy sponsoring one or more foreign members. This could be done by paying that portion of the \$7.00 (new members) which the member is unable to send herself, thereby doing both the Ninety-Nines, and the international member a great service.

Already the Los Angeles Chapter has sponsored Gunilla Tellander of Sweden, Kansas Chapter has sponsored Ada Rogato from Brazil, and Jacqueline Cochran sponsored Elizabeth Boselli of France. Where there is no foreign Section, such members must be approved by the Executive Committee, so all are carefully screened. Please let me hear from any of you Chapters and members who would like to participate in this sponsorship program, so we can go forward in this broadening sphere of our activity.

Yours for the Ninety-Nines,

Alice H. Hammond
President

LAST FLIGHT

Margaret Cooper Manser Nov. 3, 1951

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Margaret Cooper Manser after a long illness. Margaret was a charter member of the Ninety-Nines and succeeded Amelia Earhart, her very close friend, as our second president.

Margaret has long been active in aviation, having entered the first woman's air derby in 1929. She was forced to withdraw from the race while running a fever of 104. In 1930 she purchased the Culver City Airport in California and was the first woman in the United States to own and operate a commercial field.

Her passing is a great loss to the Ninety-Nines as her guidance and counsel have been of inestimable value through the years. She has served as a Permanent Trustee of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. We shall miss her greatly.

Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Harold M. Manser, of Syosset, Long Island, N.Y.

WHAT TO GET AND FROM WHERE

1. Membership Application Blanks - International Headquarters - The Ninety-Nines, Inc., 68 Fifth Ave., Room 2, New York, N. Y.
2. Membership Transfer Blanks - 99 Headquarters
3. Contact for Dues Problems - " "
4. Official 99 Gold-Plated pins with propeller - \$2.00 - " "
5. 99 Compass Rose cuts for stationery - \$3.00 - " "
6. History of the 99's -\$1.00 - " "
7. 49½ Cards - no charge - write to Vera Self, 641½ Ridgewood, Daytona Beach, Florida.
8. 99 Zippo Lighter with compass rose in blue, \$3.50 (with name or message \$4.00), Helen McChesney Memnitto, 5550 Netherland Ave., Riverdale 71, New York.
9. Air Derby Game \$1.00, Helen Greinke, Hotel Rogers, Bloomington, Ill. Retail direct or Chapters buy for \$7.20 per dozen, in dozen or more lots, profit to Chapter or AE Fund.
10. 99 Glasses with blue compass rose \$3.50 plus postage, Mrs. Marian Freund, 437½ Arch St., Meadville, Pa.
11. Contributions to AE Fund to: Jeannette Sovereign, 2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Mich.

12. 99 Napkins, luncheon or cocktail size, 84 napkins in attractive box. Order of 25 boxes @ \$1.5) a box. Smaller order \$1.65 a box, including tax. Dorothea Hendricks, 416 Laurel Street, Pendleton, Ill.
13. 99 Large costume jewelry pin (gold filled or silver) \$6.00 including tax. Elizabeth M. Morgan, Morgan's Inc., 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Ill.
14. 99 Small official size pin with prop (10 karat gold) \$7.50 including tax and mailing. Weyhing Bros. Mfg. Co., 408 David Broderick Tower, Detroit 26, Mich.
15. 99 Auto Plates, blue and white, \$1.00. Marian Jane Ruth, RFD #4, Box 326, Airport Road, Lansing, Mich.
16. 99 Leather Patches in pearl grey, \$2.00. Julie's Leathercraft, Lone Tree, Iowa.
17. Gold Bracelet with 99 on State-of-Texas bangle, similar to those given to TAR participants. \$2.50, including tax and mailing. Verna Burns, 1100 West 7th, Ft. Worth 3, Texas.
18. Personalized Scented Soap, 99 only, shower bar, \$1.50, 2 bath cakes, \$1.50, 3 hand cakes, \$1.50; with name - shower bar, \$3.00, 2 bath cakes, \$3.50, 6 hand cakes, \$3.50, 3 hand cakes, \$2.00. Neva Rea, 400 E. Armour, Kansas City, Mo.
19. 99 Tablecloths stenciled with blue 99 in corners. For special sizes, materials and prices, write Verda Mae Jennings, 665 E. Flint St., Chandler, Ariz.
20. Wooden Prop Pins to wear on flight cap or jacket. Name of chapter, member, and 99's. \$1.00. Frances Dias, Box 91, Newman, Calif. Profit to AE Fund.

NOTE: In ordering items from Headquarters, please include check payable to the Ninety-Nines, Inc. with order.

** All items listed have been approved by a 99 Executive Board.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Lois Fairbank

First big piece of news is the marriage of our Governor, Helen McChesney, to Francis Memnitto on Oct. 20th. Best wishes from all the 99's. Other items: Selma Cronan now Squadron Commander of the 1st All Woman C.A.P. Squadron of New York Area - Priscilla Bint engaged to Fred Wilson - Mary Morrison Anderson mother of a future 99, Karen - Gloria Heath in Europe as President of the U. S. LaCrosse Team - representing us at the Convention, Marjorie B. Davis, Jeanne Spielberg, Minnie Hanzlik, Marge Dallgaard, Kay Brick, and Alma Harwood and Kay Tisza who flew out together.

To backlog on our meetings - Aug. 4th, Agnes Crean entertained about 20 members of the New York-New Jersey Section at her home in Stamford, Conn. Champagne punch! Agnes's son John, 11 years old, played the piano for us and his playing is superb. Many thanks to all the Creans for their wonderful hospitality.

In early August we had a cocktail party to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walton (she's Nancy Bird) of Australia on their return trip and Mlle. Elisabeth Boselli of France. Other guests were Jacqueline Cochran, Mrs. Jessie Chamberlin of the W.I.A.A. and daughter, and Helen Hutson Weber.

At our September meeting, our two guests were Mlle. Boselli, now a member of the 99's, and Marjorie Fauth in from her "round the world" trip. Marjorie told us a little of her travels...we envy her experiences. Mlle. Boselli showed us some of her paintings which she plans to exhibit in Paris this winter. She has also been trying to get the Washington big-wigs to agree to her plan of exchanging women pilots between France and the United States. We hope that she is successful.

Congratulations to our new officers: Governor, Helen McChesney Mennitto; Marjorie B. Gray, Vice-Governor; Betty Haight, Secretary; Jeanne Spielberg, Treasurer.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Vega Ihsen

A steady downpour dampened our plans for a fly-in breakfast meeting at Erie County Airport, Sunday, October 7th. But in spite of the rain, six members convened: Marian Freund, Jean Swartwood and Toby Lord from Meadville; Pauline Harabedian from Erie; and Betty Johnson and Vega Ihsen from Fairview. The girls at Joe Kudlak's SKYWAY Restaurant served up a delicious, piping hot breakfast.

We have a tremendous opportunity to promote community interest in aviation through the medium of radio. Station WMGW in Meadville is willing to devote 15 minutes air time each week to our chapter if we will provide an interesting program concerning women in aviation or aviation in general. Although no definite action has been taken on this, perhaps we can get such a program rolling at a future meeting.

We were pleasantly surprised by the unexpected appearance of a reporter from the Erie TIMES, who asked to do a feature story on the 99's. The intrepid reporter was not only prepared to take notes, but even had a photographer with him who took some group pictures of the members present!

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

By: Jean Howard

The first fall meeting was held Oct. 18 at the home of Barbara Jenison, with 15 members present.

We have gained a member and lost a member. We are glad to welcome Wanie McGinnis, a transfer from the Oklahoma Chapter, and we regret losing Alma Parker, who has moved to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Eleanor Davis has been flying blood every week end to Hagerstown, Martinsburg, Charlestown and Winchester with the CAP. Through CAP and the Red Cross, Operation Bloodlift has been tried out for the past seven weeks. It has proved very successful and it is hoped that other squadrons can render similar service in other parts of the country. Ada Mitchell and Jean Howard have also participated in this. All three were in a picture and feature article in the WASHINGTON POST of Oct. 7th.

Blanche Noyes broke into print again with a very nice feature story in the WASHINGTON POST Magazine Section, Oct. 14, about her flying and her job as head of the Air-Marking Section in CAA. She missed our meeting as she was on a flight to the West Coast.

Wanderlust seems to have bitten many of the girls. Rosemary Lane ferried an L-21 from Lockhaven, Pa. to Fort Sill, Okla. last week end. Katherine Stinson, Chief of the Specifications Section of CAA, is to go to Los Angeles and Seattle, spending a week in each city on CAA work. Incidentally, Katherine is the only woman aeronautical engineer in CAA. Mary Jane Sasala goes to Buenos Aires for six weeks as recording secretary to the Committee on Intl. Standards of Communications of CAA.

A number of our members spent several hours down at CAA pulling cards from the files to help Major Helen Marie Clark compile a list of all the women pilots in the U.S. This is the first time that this has been done, and was at the request of the Air Force.

Stork Anticipating: Nancy Love, Vera Foster, Cy Beers.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

New officers of the Southeastern Section: Governor Betty Hamilton; Vice-Governor, Ruth Hubert; Secretary & Treasurer, Evelyn Bryan.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Shackelford

Sunday morning, October 21, Ninety-Nines of North and South Carolina took off for our October meeting in Charlotte with Betty Hamilton, our newly elected Southeastern Section governor. The North Carolina girls got through, but a front, lying between the two states, turned back those of us from South Carolina. We took to cars, and arrived late.

Our new officers are: Chairman, Burnette Spencer; Vice-chairman, Estelle Bradshaw; Secretary-Treasurer, Caroline Hembel.

We had with us a new member, Edith Long of Charlotte. She and her husband, Odell, do a great deal of flying in a Bonanza. We also welcomed Marguerite Huff, a transfer from Michigan, who is now living in Charlotte.

Amalie gave a glowing account of her trip to Madison, Wis. to the North Central Section Meeting - of the huge crowd that flew in for it, and the perfect way it was put on. Believe me, girls of

the North Central Section, we, in our much smaller group, have gained a great deal of inspiration from you.

It was decided to have our next meeting in conjunction with the Southeastern Section Meeting in Atlanta in November. The North Carolina girls then took off in their ships while we stepchildren of the elements from South Carolina plodded our way homeward via the treacherous highways - happy, however, that we had not missed the grand party at Betty's and the always glad gathering of our clan.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Elaine G. Mogelvang

Well, girls, it's finally happened. The gate is open and we are asked to take part in a man's world. (Of course, we know better than that old-fashioned way of looking at things!) But, be that as it may, at our Chapter meeting Sunday, Oct. 21, in Miami at the swimming pool of the Robert Clay Hotel, Mr. Jess Bristow, who is Director of the Miami Air Manuevers, extended to all women pilots an invitation to participate in the COMPETITIVE events of the show, The Florida 99's will sponsor two events - the Beverly Whitfield Memorial Race (the serious side of our girls), and the Pants Race (our comedy event). These and many other races and contests will bring prizes, money, fun and maybe a trip to Havana, all expenses paid for two, which the Florida Chapter is giving some lucky couple. Our own Betty Skelton is retiring to give some other person the thrill of being World Champion Stunt Pilot ... if there is a girl you know who might be interested in this, have them contact Jess Bristow, Air Manuevers Hdqs. Everglades Hotel, Miami, Fla. And do so immediately as they would have to start training at once to be ready by show time.

Arlene Davis is again this year the first to register for the tour to Cuba ... There will be a registration desk at the field for all 99's, but our Headquarters will be on the third floor of the Everglades Hotel. We plan to keep posted on all of you so we can locate you for your friends when they call.

Last event of the Air Manuevers will be, as usual, the Ninety-Nines Cocktail Party for all visiting 99's and Show Events winners. This will be held at the Opa Locka Officers Club, at Opa Locka Airport.

There is a very nice article on the All-Woman International Air Race in the AIR FACTS magazine, written by one of the Canadian entries, that all our members might be interested in reading.

See you in Miami, January 5th and 6th.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Greetings to the Ninety-Nines of the North Central Section: At our very fine fall Sectional meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, it was my honor to be elected Governor of this wonderful section. In electing Regina Devine, of Illinois, Vice-Governor, Eugenia Heise, of Wisconsin, Secretary, and Dora Fritzke of Wisconsin, Treasurer, you have given me a grand Council. I am well aware of the

responsibilities the office entails and shall do my best to maintain the high standards set by my predecessors. You have already shown great co-operation, for which I am deeply appreciative.

It is our good fortune to have the International President, Alice Hammond of Michigan, from our Section. Let us all work together in harmony and unity of purpose for the betterment of the organization, that Alice may be proud to call North Central "home."

My sincere appreciation to all who congratulated me by word and letter.

Ruth Shimon, Governor

MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MADISON, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 6-7

Although the weather failed us completely! the gals of the North Central Section should adopt a motto similar to that of the Mounties -- they "always get to their meeting." Only three planes from out of the state made it, but sixty-eight 99's arrived by commercial plane, train, car - and Eloise Smith even waded the last few yards.

The upper echelon was ably represented by our international president, Alice Hammond; our vice-president, Amalie Stone, and editor Helen Anderson.

Wisconsin producers and manufacturers had sent a most varied selection of their wares as gifts for the visitors ranging from a coffee table imprinted with the official insignia as a travelling trophy for the sectional governor, to a live goose for the last gal in (Helen Greinke).

At the banquet, Mr. George Foster, mayor of Madison, officially welcomed the Ninety-Nines to the city. Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher responded for the section. Arlene Davis graciously substituted for Blanche Noyes, who was unable to be with us as planned, and told of the progress made in air-marking throughout the country. Mr. Tom Jordan, director of the Wisconsin Aeronautics Commission, gave a resume of the part aviation has played in Wisconsin. Col. Paul Fojtik, commanding officer, Fighter Group, 128th Fighter-Interceptor Wing, U.S.A.F., gave a highly interesting picture of the part his group will be expected to play in defense of our northern border. Those boys fly when even the fish won't swim.

Business meeting, following the breakfast, included reports of retiring officers and chairmen, and the results of election of new officers for the coming year.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Katherine Peck

The Kansas City Chapter is getting up steam for its annual Christmas party and benefit auction for the Salvation Army Nursery. Our new chairman, Emily Crew has her committees all hard at work and things are shaping up nicely for another big event. Last year, we made around \$900 at the auction and all had a wonderful time. This year we hope to make it an even \$1000. Mark this date on your calendar--Dec. 8--tell all your friends, get

up a crowd and come over. No admission--no tax--just fun for all. Do your Christmas shopping early!

We were well represented at the fall sectional meeting in Madison. Members who attended were Marie Kuhlman, Neva Rea, Lavon Rukin, Betty Siggs and Val Wyatt. More about this after our next meeting at Betty Siggs'.

Kansas City was very happy to win second place in the National Membership Contest. We have lots of ideas on what to do with the prize, too.

Our new officers for the coming year are: Chairman, Emily Crew; Vice-Chairman, Jean Cayot; Corresponding Secretary, Lavon Rukin; Recording Secretary, Verna Wilson; Treasurer, Mary Ruth Dietrich.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Loretta Slavick

Four of our members attended the sectional meeting at Madison, and all reported a wonderful time. Sue Park won a beautiful wrist watch, and Laura Sellinger the large hamper of cheese. Thanks a lot, Wisconsin.

The City of St. Louis, together with the Chamber of Commerce, annually celebrate the founding of the city by an exhibit of various civic organizations and city departments. This year, we were invited by the NAA to have a display in their booth. We displayed a large portrait, painted in oils, of "Miss Aviation," who had been selected at our dance early this year, together with other advertising material. Various members were in attendance at the booth and answered many questions regarding our organization.

We have started making our plans for our annual dance, and selecting the girls who will be candidates for "Miss Aviation" for next year, the dance to be given on Feb. 16. This is our only money-making project, and we usually net enough to take care of our operating expenses during the year, including the prizes and expenses which we have in connection with our scavenger hunt and other special events which we sponsor. More about our dance and contest later.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Pat O'Leary

With our usual "99-meeting time weather" ten members and eight guests met in Faribault, Minn. for our October meeting. Kay Andrews and Rita Orr were hostesses at brunch and business meeting at Kay's home. The only planes flying that day were the model airplanes put on exhibit for us by the Exchange Club Model Airplane Club at the Faribault airport. During our meeting we listened to a report of our gathering and activities over the Faribault radio station. Marietta Sonnenberg showed her colored movies of Mackinac Island, making those of us unable to attend even more envious.

Six Minnesota 99's, Laura Black, Helen Masterton, Florence Sriver, Marietta Sonnenberg, Pete Frey and Pat O'Leary enjoyed themselves immensely at the Madison Sectional meeting.

On October 2 the Minnesota 99's spread their fame by participating in the Quiz of Two Cities over radio station WCCO, Minneapolis. Marietta Sonnenberg, Laura Black, Helen Masterton and Margaret Manual for St. Paul defeated Rita Orr, Florence Sriver, Audrey Baird and Pat O'Leary for Minneapolis. Cash awards of \$71 now bolster our treasury.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Faye D. Kirk

For our October meeting we flew (and drove) to Abrams Airport at Grand Ledge. We have no member in Grand Ledge but Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulvay were our very gracious hosts. Mr. Mulvay is the publisher of the local newspaper and he had printed "WELCOME 99'S" in bold red type across the front page, also pictures, and a very nice story.

We were driven by the generous people of the town to the restaurant of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anders, where we had a delicious breakfast and our meeting.

Welcome back to Rita Burns of Adrian and Betty Parmenter of Muskegon.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The October meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 21st at Madison Airport, Madison, Indiana with Opal Ledgerwood as hostess. We had a lovely dinner at Clifty Falls State Park and then returned to the airport for our business meeting.

Jane Shope and Mildred Hurt were the only two members from Indiana that managed to get to the sectional. Mildred won a weekend in northern Wisconsin and a flashlight. Jane won 3 pairs of nylons, a flashlight, and a subscription to Badger Airport Beacon.

Betty Pettitt is now working for the State Aeronautics Commission of Indiana. She flies the Commission's 170 and edits Aero-Notes which comes out monthly to all pilots in Indiana.

Dorothy Gettle and 49th of Fort Wayne are flying to South America soon.

Mrs. Patrick Power, formerly Doris Hurt of the Indiana Chapter and now residing in El Paso, Texas is a 2nd Lieutenant in the CAP there and is teaching meteorology, navigation and aircraft engines to 60 teen-age students. She gives a prize each month to the best student of an orientation flight with teacher at the controls. She is also speaking on Air Education in the high schools and so far has spoken to three thousand students.

The November meeting of the Indiana Chapter will be on the 11th at the Anderson Airport, together with the Flying Farmers, State Aeronautics Commission and the CAP. The 99's are going to fly Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other teen-agers in conjunction with the Air Education Program.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Jessie Gronowski

Begging everyone's pardon, the most important news (to me at least!) is the arrival of Robert Stephen Gronowski on Oct. 3rd - a 10 pounder. It'll be wonderful to put maternity clothes in the attic and make entries in the log book again.

Our last meeting was in the United Air Lines conference room in Chicago, Oct. 18th. We want all visiting 99's to know that we meet the second Thursday of each month at this location unless otherwise announced. Nov. 18 - 10:30 A.M. we will meet at the Midway Airport Office of UAL for a tour of their facilities, including the Link room, and will hear a speaker on Omni and other navigational aids.

A donation of \$20 was made to the AE Fund. Each member has been taking a turn at donating a prize which is raffled at each meeting with chances at 25¢ each.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Donna Myers

September's meeting was a luncheon meeting, at the Airport Terminal Sky Lounge, in Denver, to meet Aileen Pickering, who was to be through Denver that day - and, alas, weather somewhere east of us prevented her from flying in. We were most disappointed, but we did have a nice luncheon meeting.

We presented our past chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom, with a large 99 costume jewelry pin - this being given to all chairman who had served two years. And she was appointed executive officer, as a guiding hand for the new officers. It is an honorary office - and certainly not in the by-laws - but we feel it might be a good policy to follow. We gain by her guidance.

We voted to send the AE Fund a \$25 Defense Bond.

October meeting - a pot luck supper at Jane Nettleblad's new home in Arvada. Best food ever - and Jane and Donna Myers showed the colored slides they took at the Convention at Mackinac Island.

A Chinese dinner meeting for November - and we will see Margaret Hughes' color slides taken in Scotland last year, where she was teaching. She had a wonderful time, learned a lot about flying in England, and on the Continent, and we are looking forward to hearing her "patter" with the pictures, and hearing her commentary on flying over there.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

We were grieved to hear of the death of Elizabeth Sewell's mother, who passed away Oct. 19, and offer Elizabeth our most sincere sympathies.

Our new chapter officers for 1951-52 are: Chairman, Beth Smith; Vice-chairman, Veda Mauk; Secretary, Ruth Jones; Treasurer, Ida Carter; Membership Chairman, Velma Woodward.

All the gals and guests trekking Ardmore way the weekend of September 22 and 23 had a wonderful time and have made reservations for the third weekend of May, and the second weekend of September next year, through the courtesy of Ruth Harris, of Ardmore, who so capably managed our outings at the Lake Murray Lodge.

There were about forty present that weekend. Veda Mauk and husband flew down from Blackwell; Helen Simmons and husband from Abilene; Jo Allison and Doris Weller from Dallas; Olean Sellers and son drove up from Farmerville; Ruth Banfield from Tulsa; and Martha Ann Reading and guest from Dallas. Among others present were Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Beth Smith and her 49^{er} and son Pat and his friend; Dorothy Morgan and her 49^{er} and daughter Sharon; Mary Francis and daughters Sperry and Marcia; Velma Woodward and son Paul; and yours truly with 49^{er}, sister and brother-in-law Jane and Tom Penn of Tulsa.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Bobbe Slade

Since our last report the first of September (because of vacations, etc.) much has happened. First congratulations and best wishes to Bert Hare Lowe and her new 49^{er} Bill. Bert is our only Flying Grandmother, even though you wouldn't believe it to look at her.

Next, we painted our first airmarker at Osborne, Kansas, at our meeting on Oct. 14. We had wonderful cooperation from Jess Daffendoll, manager of the Osborne Airport, Johnny Hopper of Osborne, the Osborne Chamber of Commerce and Dwight Hardman of Osborne, brother of our Treasurer, Marian.



Marian Hardman, Helen Simmons and Anne Waddell, and Anne's and Helen's 49^{ers} Lowell and Roy, did all the work and the rest of us arrived too late to do anything but give moral support and sympathize with their paint-brush blues (it wasn't planned that way, however!). Ann Hertelein, Mary Burke Eiler and their 49^{ers} Bud and Leo, Ruby Bonds and Bobbe Slade made up the too-late-to-help-but-oh-what-a-good-job-you-did-section. Marian hosted a scrumptious buffet dinner following the painting spree. If the weather holds out we're really going to try for those ten airmarkers before the end of the year and that \$50 prize money.

At our meeting Sept. 16 the Hutchinson girls, Rosemary Potter, Velma Wilson and Helen Comes as host-

esses arranged for dinner in their nice new Administration Building and also made arrangements to take the group out to the State Fair after the meeting.

The 1951-52 officers are: Anne Waddell, Chairman; Margaret Ash, Vice-chairman; Bobbe Slade, Secretary; Marian Hardman, Treasurer - all having been reelected. Helen Simmons was reappointed Membership Chairman.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Doris Weller

Texas has two big events to report this month: The All-Texas Air Tour, in which 10 Ninety-Nines participated; and the fall meeting of the Texas Chapter at the Circle R Sky Ranch, Medina, Texas.

The Third Annual All-Texas Air Tour began at Temple, Texas on Oct. 6 and ended at Laredo on Oct. 13. More than 250 flyers in 106 planes flew 3000 miles without a single mishap and made stops at 40 Texas towns. Simulated supplies for Civilian Defense were flown into each town. The tour statisticians came up with the amazing facts that these pilots stacked up a TON mileage of simulated supplies totaling 13,844, and seat miles (exclusive of pilots) totaling 137,887.

At our fall meeting, it was voted unanimously that the Texas Chapter co-sponsor the All-Texas Air Tour next year with the Texas Aeronautical Commission, Texas Private Flyers Association, Flying

Farmers, and Texas State Aviation Association. It was also decided to sponsor another plane in the tour.

Ninety-Nines flying the whole tour were Ama Lee Jameson, Ziggy Hunter, and Josephine Allison and Doris Weller in the Cessna 140 sponsored by the Texas 99 Chapter. Joining the tour for part of the trip were Mildred Miller, Edna Gardner Whyte, and Dorothy Weick. On hand at Temple to fly the first leg of the trip were Edna Hammerman, Pearle Ragsdale, and Madge Janes. A prospective 99, Pat O'Bannon, flew the whole trip with Ziggy Hunter, and Cleo Young accompanied Edna Whyte. Ama Lee Jameson was assisted the first day by her mother acting as co-pilot and navigator.

Josephine Allison caused quite a commotion and received much publicity for the 99's for being a Flying Grandmother. She was interviewed at all stops by press reporters and photographers, and at Brownsville appeared on radio.

Edna Gardner Whyte was the only flying nurse on the tour. Besides being a registered nurse, Edna's CAA rating include single-engine land and seaplane, instrument, instructor and multi-engine ratings, and helicopter pilot.

When the Air Tour stopped at Caddo Lake, Mildred Carney of the north Louisiana Chapter, drove clear from Shreveport to spend the evening, and at Mt. Pleasant, Loraine Averitte, one of our newest members, was on hand with greetings. It was good



Doris Weller and Josephine Allison with the plane sponsored by the Texas Chapter of Ninety-Nines in the All-Texas Air Tour

to see 99's along the way and we believe we have enough prospective members to start several new units in Texas.

The annual Fall Meeting of the Texas Chapter was at the Circle R Sky Ranch during a spell of Texas' "unusual" weather. Only one plane was able to fly in - Ama Lee Jameson from Brackettville. Ten other 99's made their way by automobile, Verna Burns, Cleva Godfrey, Stella Priest and Mary Ann Greer (with 49¹/₂er John), Ziggy Hunter, Mildred Miller (with her two 24 3/4ers Kay and Hiram), Olean Sellers from Farmersville, and Martha Ann Reading, Josephine Allison and Doris Weller.

New officers are: Chairman, Josephine Allison; Vice-chairman, Olean Sellers, Secy. & Treas., Doris Weller, Membership Chairman, Verna Burns; Reporter, Florence McDermott. Our outgoing Chairman, Ama Lee Jameson, is the new South Central Governor.

NORTH WESTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By: Gini Stover Richardson

The October meeting of the Washington Chapter was held at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle. One guest was present, Iola Nelson of Renton. Plans were made for the Christmas party, and for our next meeting to be held in November with Mildred Manderville as hostess.

SOUTH WESTERN SECTION

UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

New officers for the coming year are: Chairman, June Raybould; Vice-chairman, Mickey Nebeker; Secy-Treas., Jane Davis; Membership Chairman, Lucile Christopherson.

Another group of members were lucky enough to get a chance in the CAA Link, when Mr. R. E. Dunckhorst, senior traffic controller, presided over another session. A meeting was held at the Salt Lake Airport in the CAA offices before the group had their chance. Afterward we went for some mouth-watering pumpkin pie at Dorothy Allen's where we toasted our toes in front of the fireplace and did a bit of hangar flying. Eunice Naylor came in long enough to say hello and tell us about her recent trip to Chicago via DC 6.

Doris Eacret has been really busy since returning from the AWTAR. First - ranch work to catch up on and then a rush call back to speak before civic organizations then up to Idaho with friends.

Congratulations to Lucile Christopherson who was elected to the top post in the Ladies Relief Society of her Provo ward. Her first job was to prepare a turkey dinner for 500 which is quite an order. She is raising a family of four, running the Provo Airport while 49¹/₂er Merrill is out on charter trips, she is about the busiest person we know.

Deer hunting won out over duty and Gerry Murray and Peg Roundy headed off into the hills and missed our airport meeting. We're expecting venison sandwiches soon.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: BONNIE FUGITT

Chapter election was at the October meeting, at the home of Wilma Bland. New officers: Chairman, Ethelind Woodhouse; Vice-Chairman, Betty Knier; Secretary, Rita Gibson; Treasurer, Verda Mae Jennings.

Ethelind is our Flying Grandmother, whose son is THE Bob Woodhouse of the Yuma Endurance Fliers who broke the world's record. She is active in the Yuma Squadron of the CAP and in the Flying Farmers.

Verda Mae is our artistic member who does such beautiful textile painting and is making 99 tablecloths for our Chapter.

In November we plan to meet in Tucson with the Tucson and El Paso Chapters.

FEDWOOD CHAPTER

By: Nellie Palmer

Our October meeting was held in the lovely new lounge of the Administration Building at the Sonoma County Airport. It was a fly-in for the visiting chapters of Bay Cities and Sacramento.

Our secretary, Esther Stone, is moving to Las Vegas, Nevada, where her 49¹/₂er husband is manager of the McCarran airport. Esther is a good 99 and a fly gal, if I ever saw one. Good luck, Esther and Gail.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Betty Lambert

Several members of our chapter entered the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Air Games in October. A male contestant took first place by a small margin, but Betty Lambert, Lois Bartling, and Claire Hale took second, fourth and fifth places. Mary Ring won one of the spot landing contests. These "Air Games" were so much fun that those of us who entered have decided to hold some ourselves. Those sponsored by the Jaycees this year consisted of a cross country race of about 150 miles (you estimate your elapsed time and fuel consumption and are scored on percentage basis), 180 and 360 degree spot landing contests, and bomb dropping. First place winner in an event gets a score equivalent to the number of pilots entered. Second place scores one less point, and so on down the line. For those completely out of bounds, whatever score is left is divided equally among them. Trophies were given for first and second place in each event and a big trophy was given to the winner of the highest total score.

Sixteen members attended a gay Saturday luncheon party instigated by the expected arrival of Blanche Noyes--who failed to arrive. We had a fine time, however.